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	Selective gold-plated	1 serial #d	$ 60
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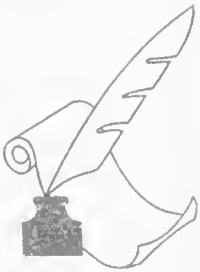
President's Page



GREETINGS!

It isn't even Thanksgiving yet, and we haven't had our first frost. The fall coloring is spectacular this year, and in spite of a lot of rain and wind, the leaves are holding their own, in a range of colors from yellow to bright red. Before very long, it will be time for the annual tree hunt We drive south to Olympia and then out toward the coast, to a big tree farm with lots of acreage and varieties of trees to choose from. Now that I'm thinking about it, I'm looking forward to it already.

Speaking of looking forward, I've heard from several members already who plan to pack bags and head to Las Vegas next fall. Sue Golding will be there, and I hope you will too! Please let me know if you're planning to attend. Once we have a tentative head count, we'll be able to check on room rates at Circus Circus. Lately, the price has been right. but who knows what next year will bring

Ed Lantz is planning to be at the FUN show in Orlando in January to meet with any IASAC members who happen to be there Patti Finner is planning something similar for the Long Beach show either in February or June. We'll keep you posted, and let me know if you think you'll get to either show. We're hoping to make the club more visible to a wider range of collectors. Also, if you'd like to take *Bugles* to a show in your area, let us know in advance so we can print extra copies

Please don't forget to take care of your 2010 dues. It will make Ed's life a lot easier if he doesn't have to send reminders out in a few months.

A big thanks to Michelle Burke for getting the ball rolling on a series of articles by officers and trustees. Some will be personal stories about favorite bars and rounds; others will give a historical perspective on the club Thanks also to Doug Jennings for his continuing column. I'm sure you'll find this issue's article amusing.

Special thanks to Randy Guberman for his great gift to club members. You'll find his article on another page in this edition of *The Silver Bugle*.

Thanks also go to Garrett Burke for adding the newest club ingot to the bar & round history. Everyone will receive a copy with this *Bugle*.

It's wonderful to hear from club members from time to time. I was just on the phone with Bill Haffner this morning; to thank him for a new variety of a silver bar he donated to the club. Bill was thinking about taking a drive to Cape Girardeau (MO) to see fellow club member Mike Sprouse, so I hope they have a nice visit. Thanks to Karl Urda and Don Eubanks for recent donations of stamps. Carlton Dodge sent a 'thank you' note for the silver bar he received as a *Brain Teaser* prize, and many of you sent thanks for the bronze bars that went out several months ago, including Don Young, Ron Ulrich, Larry Armstrong and two of our European members Geert Frissaer and Michel Bonnaire.

Wishing everyone the best during the holiday season, and I'll be talking to you in the New Year!

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Please visit the IASAC club store for ideas for holiday gifts. We have a number of t-shirts in sizes small, medium & large for only $15 each. They'd make great stocking stuffers.

DON'T DELAY – SEND YOUR 2010 IASAC DUES TODAY!
Mail them to Secretary-Treasurer Ed Lantz @
2127 Kewannee Trail, Casselberry FL 32707
Renewals are $15 ($20 foreign) and please include your FREE 25-word classified ad. Thanks!!

V. P. Corner

By Doug Jennings

Hubris-a fancy Greek word for smarty pants, know-it-alls, who don't know squat. Yes, I think that sums it up quite nicely, because that would describe yours truly and my failure to read the fine print. (Another failure on my part – vanity. I don't like to wear my bifocals to coin shows or anywhere else, for that matter.)

Let's begin at the beginning. How many times do we, meaning IASAC, warn our members to be careful when buying silver bars? One time, 10 times, 100 times to infinity and beyond? (That's for you Toy Story buffs out there, a.k.a. parents & grandparents who have seen this film a few gazillion times on your VCR or DVD because of children and grandchildren!). I know President Miss Nancy has written abou the cruddy bars that look like .999 AR but are nothing but sugar-coated, crappy crud that's base megal coated with AR. I'm supposed to be one of the deputies protecting our members from that fraud So, who falls for it…me.

At our Monroe Coin Club fall show, we had a poor attendance due to weather and the tremendous economy in Michigan. There was an old-timer and his wife who hadn't sold diddly-squat all day. In my whirlwind trip around the bourse, close to closing time, checking on how every dealer had done, I stumbled upon an Elvis bar just like the one on the cover of our IASAC handbook guide to silver bars. It was thrown in with a bunch of SilverTowne regulars and some silver rounds. I asked for a price quote, and even though I don't usually collect the King, I made a sympathy buy. First mistake, always check which mint the bar is from. Second mistake, know your dealer. Now, the ld-timer wasn't quite as senile as I might have thought. I found out later he runs his own monthly show in Ohio. He knew exactly what he was doing by throwing that fake .999 art bar in with the others. He was taking advantage of us non-bifocal wearing smarty pants, know-it-alls who don't look at both sides of a bar or read the FREAKING fine print on the reverse of this bar which clearly states that it is crappy crud that is sliver plated in .999AR Boy, was my face red when I got home and started to catalog the .999 bar that wasn't in our guidebook *Eureka*, a new bar discovery by Mr Hubris himself. WRONG! Nothing but another rip-off, silver plated bar of junk, and I'm stuck with it until I can pass it along to another non-bifocal wearing Mr. or Ms Hubris (I do not discriminate against either

sex when trying to bail myself out of a jam!) {Just kidding. I wouldn't try to sell it to any of you savvy IASAC members ever.} [Novices beware!]

So, inclosing, let's review our lesson in a foreign language with our new words – *"hubris"* and *"eureka."* Both are Greek to me, and just go to show that we must always be on the alert for BAD, BAD bars. Sham on them, and shame on me! Hopefully', you'll find this exercise in trying to be nice and snatching a premium bar for myself a lesson in economics that you can avoid

Until next time, take good care.

Deputy Doug

IASAC Contests

IASAC conducts several ongoing and annual opportunities for club members to win prizes & gain recognition

1) The annual design contest for our club bar or round is currently underway. We are soliciting designs for our 2010 round for the 25th anniversary meeting, which will be held in Las Vegas next October

2) All members who contribute to *The Silver Bugle* receive a bronze bar or round, depending on the year. These are mailed to members after the annual meeting.

3) Members may submit answers to the 'Brain Teaser' puzzle, which is published in almost every issue of the *Bugle*. Several winners are chosen at random, and prizes are donated by club members. (Hint... We could use a few more prizes-please send them to Nancy!)

4) For the past several years we have held a contest to guess the price of silver as of closing on June 30. This has been very popular, and the prize is usually a special silver piece donated by a club member.

5) For 2010 we are conducting a 'Writing Contest' for articles submitted to the *Bugle*. The prize, a special set of rounds, has been donated by club member Laila Taavola.

6) We reward the person(s) who recruit the most new members every year with a special gold-plated or silver 'Congratulations' bar. This is presented at our annual meeting.

The mark of a great club is member participation, and with so many of you enriching our newsletter, we are certainly a success!

What Makes an Art Bar Rare?

By Michelle Burke

First in a series of articles by IASAC Officers & Trustees

What makes a silver art bar or round special? What makes an art bar rare? It all starts with what you like….

I've always like enameled silver art. Show me a rainbow of colors on silver an interesting topic, and I'm a happy collector

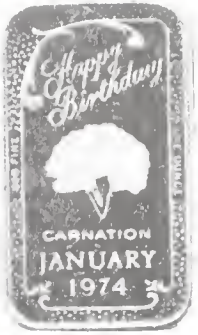
As a young child as far back as I can remember, it was a mission to find a 'special gift' for my mom on Mother's Day or her birthday.

It all started with one red rose to Mom Those were expensive in the 1960s at a dollar per stem. My 25-cent and later 50-cent per week allowance took a bit of saving to purchase it. I'd have the florist arrange the little white poppies and greenery to fill out the lone-looking rose Mom was touched by the one rose and said the thought meant more than anything to her. Later in time I switched to carnations in red and white colors because they reminded me of a Valentine's Day heart, and the flowers smelled great.

Several years later in the 1970s, it started around the holidays. I had been collecting art bars for a few years at the time. At the coin counter were three shelves devoted to silver art. Like a kid in a candy store, my senses took over. The grizzly bear animal bars, Franklin Mint Christmas bars with COOL snowman design, "Happy Birthday to You," in shiny musical notes and the 'Watergate pincher' bar. Next to these bars on another shelf, I saw some unusual colors on silver bars such as 'Season's Greetings ' various Christmas ornaments and a Halloween black cat. My interest was piqued as I saw something very personal and unique. Like an artist painting a picture, I could imagine the thought going into creating these special silver pieces of silver art, and the color blending for their special design. The 'Happy Birthday' silver arty bars with the flowers that matched one's birth month stood out to me at the time – the Ceeco series.

Fast forward to the early 1990s and I had been fortunate enough to find IASAC thanks to Patti Finner The art bar book's fifth edition had just been published thanks to Archie, Nancy and all

I went to the Ceeco page and found what I was looking for. About 30 years after my first encounter with the beautiful enameled art, there were pages devoted to my special area of interest. By this time I had a few Ceeco enameled bars in my collection, including the St. Patrick's Day bar and the Christmas ornaments.



What I found on those pages was something just right for Mom. After all the years, I presented Mom with her forever gift... a red enameled rose silver art bar for her holiday keepsake. Mom loved it and kept it by the flower vase. I still bought her the red and white carnations that year. Years later, Mom wanted me to have the bar, as she put it, "for me to enjoy."

Fast forward some time later, my husband Garrett would give me carnations in the same colors as I had given my Mom 35 years earlier. Just a bit of nostalgia ...

To the amazing people who started their own private mints who come up with the great ideas, to the painstakingly involved process to enamel an art bar (filling in colors with a very thin brush), I thank you all!

To all you collectors, what makes an art bar or round special to you?

By the way, does anyone have an extra, undamaged CEM-4EN (January-carnation) art bar they could part with??

A BIG Thank You to Michelle for her article. Be on the lookout for more interesting stories from our officers and trustees throughout 2010.

A Call for Trustees: Our trustee election for the 2010-2012 term will be held in August 2010. If you are interested in serving, please notify the Secretary-Treasurer by sending a letter of intent to 2127 Kewannee Trail, Casselberry FL 32707. Thank you!!

A-U-C-T-I-O-N

I ran an ad in Numismatic News to buy Silver Bars and getting a batch that have been in a safe since the 1970's, I have some unlisted Madison Mint Bars and would like to offer them to IASAC members before going to Ebay with them. These unlisted bars have blank reverses and will be cataloged when and if another Guide Book is printed as Varieties. ***MINIMUM BID $22.00. Auction ends at Midnight December 18, 2009. Bids Can Be Submitted by Mail or Electronically***

BID

MAD-1 Cleveland Cabl ..... $_____

MAD-2 Adriatic No. 31 ..... $_____

MAD-3 1903 Cadillac ..... $_____

MAD-8 stanley roadster ..... $_____

MAD-29 Veteran's Day 197 ..... $_____

MAD-30 Halloween 1973 ..... $_____

MAD-33 Graduation 1973 ..... $_____

MAD-37 July 4th 1973 ..... $_____

MAD-40 Thanksgiving 1972 ..... $_____

MAD-49 Christmas 197 ..... $_____

MAD-51 Father's Day 1973 ..... $_____

MAD-91 The Nassau ..... $_____

MAD-119 American Bicentennial ..... $_____

I also have complete sets of the following and would consider an offering for the sets before they are broken up. There is a 50-Bar Set of Columbia Mints "The Greatest Events of the American Revolution" A 38-Bar Set of Hamilton Mints "American Presidents (through Carter)", 50-Bar Set Hamiltons "America The Beautiful." 47-Piece Set Hamilton "American Wildlife Collection." Only the Columbia Mint set is in a album, the others are singles. There is also a 6-Bar Set of Hamilton 's 'WILDLIFE TREE."

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Holiday Sale

APM-21	Merry Christmas, Happy New Year	$25
GLM-16VB	Happy New Year, 1974 - Rev. reads down	$40
TRG-5	I'll be Home for Christmas	$115
HAM-95	Slumbering Santa	$32
MAD-43	Joy to the World, 1973 – Rev. 3A	$22
MAD-43V2	Joy to the World, 1973 – Rev. 4A	$22
MAD-49	Merry Christmas, 1972 –unlisted blank rev.	$55
MAD-103	Happy New Year, 1974	$22
MAD-262	Christmas, 1983	$22
MEM-33	Star of Wonder	$35
MEM-35	One World, One Wish, beautifully toned	$30
1 oz. Round	Rabbit on Skis, Happy Holidays rev., n.d.	$22
¼ oz. Round	Merry Christmas, Angels rev., n.d.	$7.50
¼ oz. Round	Merry Christmas, Santa on Sleigh rev., n.d.	$7.50
¼ oz. Round	Season's Greetings, Carolers rev., 1985	$7.50

Please make checks payable to Nancy Yee & mail to P.O. Box 28415, Seattle WA 98118. Add $4 postage for one or two items/ $6 for three or more. Thank you!

ARE YOU READY FOR SOME FUN????

Our Fun in the Sun get together is fast approaching.
Take a look at www.funtopics.com for more information.

Where: Orange County Convention Center
North Concourse—Hall NB
9400 Universal BLVD
Orlando, FL 32819

January 7 Bourse Hours 10 AM-6:30 PM
No IASAC activities planned

January 8 Bourse Hours 10 AM-6:30 PM
IASAC Session Room 330A 1-4 PM
Supper Meet in lobby by registration at 6PM

January 9 Bourse Hours 10 AM-6:30 PM
IASAC Session Room 330 B 10 AM--1PM
Supper Meet in lobby by registration at 6PM

January 10 Bourse Hours 10 AM-3 PM
No IASAC activities planned

Contributions of Life

By Randall Guberman

How do we measure the riches of our lives? I'm not a famous actor or astronaut I'm not a public figure or rich with money I'm a person who was put on this earth as one fortunate soul who gets few chances to make the right moves at the right time, like in a game of chess or checkers Some of us are blessed with good health, some of us are blessed with children, others are not Some of us are doctors or nurses-people who get to help others from hard work, and of course formal training.

As I get older and look back at some of my mistakes, I always try to remember that tomorrow can be a new beginning-a fresh start As a coin collector I get intrigued (my curiosity) by a certain piece of some coin, for example a shiny penny, a quarter or maybe just a silver round that represents something that is a trigger to my brain for some type of satisfaction

It is true that it is better to give than to receive Monetary values" We hear people say gold will hit $1500 an ounce Silver's on its way to $50 an ounce Are we really that greedy? Is that why no matter how many riches some of us have, they are never satisfied and always want more?

I write this article simply to reflect on the importance of collecting silver art How ironic that silver in life's passages represents a milestone A marriage or twenty-five years equals a *Silver Anniversary* As the International Association of Silver Art Collectors is reaching this milestone, I personally wanted to make it a memorable occasion for all of our members

I recently ran into an old acquaintance Her name is Jan Another chance meeting? Perhaps Being in the right place at the right time? Perhaps!

Jan, like the rest of us, was using her brain and resources at her disposal to use bottle caps in art form to make novelty key chains, magnets and various other collectables I immediately started thinking about our club's twenty-fifth anniversary

Now what in the word do bottle caps have to do with collecting silver art? Let's examine the definition of bottle caps. Webster's Dictionary defines them as: *a device for closing or sealing a bottle, especially a metal cover fitting tightly over the mouth of a glass or plastic bottle.* So, now if we reverse this process, we have unsealed a bottle Releasing the fizz (hissing sound) and seeing the bubbles, is like releasing ideas that are infinite

After looking at Jan's products, and all of her novel ideas, I learned that there is a nine-stage process from start to finish completing this novelty The steps are very time-consuming *First*, a design has to be made *Second*, it must be individually printed *Third*, punch out the design *Fourth*, punch a hole in the bottle cap *Fifth*, center the design perfectly on the cap *Sixth*, coat the bottle cap with glaze and let it dry one day *Seventh*, coat the bottle cap with epoxy and let it dry another day *Eighth*, add a ring to the cap The *Ninth* and final step is to put the key chain through the ring "PRESTO! 25th Anniversary Bottle Cap Keychain"

It occurred to me that maybe I could recruit Jan to help me in celebration of our IASAC Silver Anniversary. I have no artistic abilities, however, I did have faith in Jan. Although I did not know her well, I had a feeling that she and I could develop something for our club members to take pride in and cherish as part of their own collections. Well, we went to work. After a few conversations, a few proto-types, color variations and some frustrations, we now have a finished product that I think our club members will appreciate for a lifetime.

As a gift to our club members, I will personally pay for this gift to each and every member who would like one. After speaking with Nancy, it was decided that we ask each member to cover the cost of postage. If you would like a twenty-fifth anniversary bottle cap key chain please send Nancy "one dollar." The address is IASAC, P.O. Box 28415, Seattle WA 98118-8415.

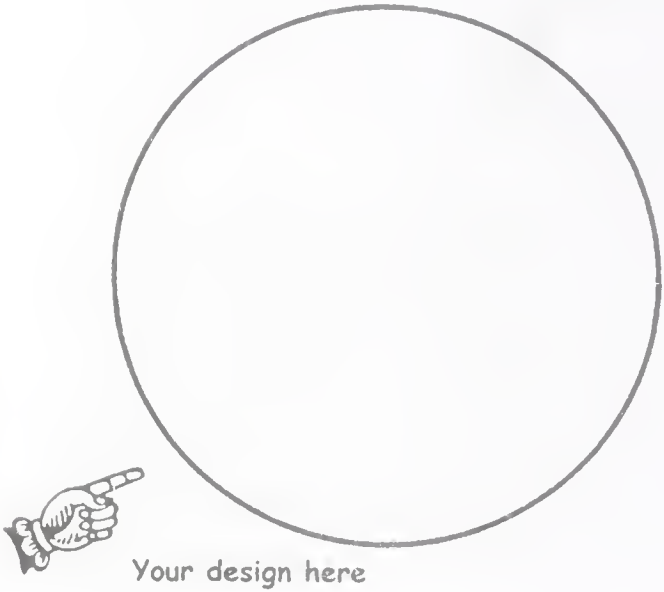
I hope in some small way this gift will give each member the opportunity to reflect on the richness of your own lives. Remember, the bottle cap represents one idea, and the key chain represents an instrument connecting each and every one of us together to form our unity of being one. One great club!!

For me, it's great to be a member of IASAC. I encourage each of you to continue to share your passion for collecting silver art. And please recruit a friend or family member. It is my pleasure to make this donation to the club. A special thanks to Jan for all her hard work!

I will also be absorbing the cost of Jan's first year membership and hope she will become a silver art collector.

Happy Anniversary to the club and all of our fine members.

2010 Round Design Contest



All club members are invited to participate in the 2010 Round Design Contest which is now underway. We'll be meeting in Las Vegas next year for our 25th anniversary You design can be something related to Las Vegas or a topical event for 2010. Just remember these simple rules, which were approved by the Officers & Trustees in 2008:

1. Entrants must be members of IASAC
2. Only one entry per member/group
3. No copyrighted trademarks or logos may be used in the design
4. IASAC retains the right to make changes to the design, as may be necessary for the minting process
5. IASAC will oversee the minting of the design
6. All entries become the property of IASAC

Send your original artwork to IASAC, c/o Design Contest, P.O.Box 28415, Seattle WA 98118-8415. Entries are due by December 15, 2009. Good Luck & Have Fun! We look forward to seeing what our talented members come up with every year. And, remember, the winner receives the first strike of the round, numbered 000!

Winners will be selected from Correct answers postmarked On or before December 15, 2009

Mail to: IASAC, P.O. Box 28415, Seattle WA 98118-8415

Name:_____

Congratulations to **Bob Hurd** and **Robert Chester**, winners of the last contest Thanks to everyone who sent in an answer, including **Gary Fouquet, Lynnae Clark, John Varner, Marion Kendrick, Joseph Markulies, Craig McCulloch, Peggy Conrad, Bill Haffner, Len Kruithof** and **Carlton Dodge.**

Taking a look at another difficult letter in the Scrabble game, please find these words containing the letter X. Good Luck!

Affix, apex, ataxy, axilla, axe, axle, axon, bombyx, boxcar, carapax, coaxal, cortex, cylix, dioxid, extol, flaxy, flux, foxwood, galax, hexadic, , hoax, ibex, jackbox, kex lax, lexical, malax, meninx, murex, nixie, orexis,, oxalic oxyntic, pemphix, pixy, pixys, pulex, pyx, sext, simplex, six, sixty, soaphox, spadix, storax, texture, toxemia, vex, vox, wax, xanthin, xyloid.
Do you find any words more than once? _____

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JUST BETWEEN YOU, ME AND IASAC BY ED LANTZ

"Great" job on this month's "The Silver Bugle"!
Robert Lovelace (260) sent note with renewal.

As a new member (784) I would like to thank you for your hard work. Enclosed is classified ad and renewal check. Tom Platt (784)

Enclosed is my check for 2010 dues. I appreciate your taking over for Nancy. It is nice to have dedicated people like you to prevent our great club from folding.

As to an idea, our club could use our logo in silver on a gold plated silver bar. On the reverse, the members name and membership number could be stamped much like the officers' bars. If enough people signed up it could be a good fund raiser. It would be neat to have a membership bar in gold with your name on it. I'd buy one in a heartbeat. Thanks for your dedication. Larry Pung #528

First of all, I think you are doing a great job. Keep up the good work. I went to a coin show in St. Charles. Slim Pickins'. I bought one bar. After I got home I looked it up and already have it.
Bill Haffner #540
I know what that is like Thank you all for your continued support and kind words.

I owe a huge apology to Beth Burns who sent a Brain Teaser entry back and I did not receive it until well into November due to a post office error

Do you want to meet some other IASAC members? Come to the FUN Show in Orlando on January 8-9, 2010 We have a room booked for 3 hours each day for buying, selling and trading Also, you can join your fellow members for dinner together each evening. It will be FUN!

Thank you to Jim Best for his help in finalizing the arrangements for the FUN Show. Jim has served IASAC in many capacities for almost 24 years and I for one really appreciate his efforts on behalf of IASAC as well as his friendship

Also, a big THANK YOU to Randy Guberman for his bottle cap key chain idea and his contribution of the key chains to the members of IASAC I love his enthusiasm and ideas for the silver art hobby

YOU MAKE ME LAUGH

Society's Burning Questions

1. If Fed Ex and UPS were to merge, would they call it Fed UP?
2. I believe five out of four people have trouble with fractions.
3. If quitters never win, and winners never quit, what fool came up with, "Quit while you're ahead?"
4. Do Lipton Tea employees take coffee breaks?
5. What hair color do they put on the driver's licenses of bald men?
6. I was thinking that women should put pictures of missing husbands on beer cans.
7. I was thinking about how people seem to read the Bible a whole lot more as they get older, then it dawned on me . . . they were cramming for their finals.
8. I thought about how mothers feed their babies with little tiny spoons and forks so I wonder what Chinese mothers use. Perhaps toothpicks?
9. Why do they put pictures of criminals up in the Post Office? What are we supposed to do... write to these men? Why don't they just put their pictures on the postage stamps so the mailmen could look for them while they delivered the mail?
10. Never agree to plastic surgery if the doctor's office is full of portraits by Picasso.
11. How much deeper would oceans be if sponges didn't live there?
12. If it's true that we are here to help others, then what exactly are the OTHERS here for?
13. STRESSED spelled backwards is DESSERTS.
14. You never really learn to swear until you learn to drive.

FROM THE DESK OF THE SECRETARY

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all of you and your families.

You just knew that the holidays were on their way. As I am writing this, the high today is going be another record around 94 degrees. This makes 107 days so far this year over 90 The next best thing after the true meaning of Christmas is that our winter is here and that we get our cold weather in the 60's and 70,s.

It is good to see IASAC continue to grow and hope that each and every one of you will renew your membership. Our organization is not the same without you.

Things are changing out there. It was September 11, 2009 when gold hit $1000 and silver trading in the $17.00 range. WOW. I just cannot get over the fact that people will pay that much for gold. If they invested that much in silver art bars (rounds or rectangles) I would think they would have a less risky investment. I believe there is a greater chance to make money if silver keeps increasing and less risk if the bottom falls out of the market. I know we are in uncharted territory with the US Government debt at $12,000,000,000,000. (I am not sure if that is the correct number of zeroes or not.) I really cannot fathom how much money a trillion is, but I guess our Senators and Congressmen don't either. It makes you wonder if their personal budgets are that screwed up. I do know that would buy a lot of silver art bars, though. One thing for sure, silver will continue to go up and down. I would love to hear your opinions whether you agree or disagree.

Did you see the Philadelphia Mint is going to produce 5 ounce .999 silver coins in conjunction with the America's Beautiful National Parks quarter dollar series. They will be exact duplicates of the quarters and bear the identical denomination but will not be considered fractional bullion coins.

I really hope a lot of you can come to our Fun With Silver get together in Orlando Jan. 7-10. The FUN show is the PREMIERE coin show. Please let me know if you can come. We will have time to get together to discuss silver as well as take in some of what Orlando has to offer. Hope to see you there.

Ed Lantz,

TREASURY UPDATE

Previous Balance	$4465.54
INCOME	
New memberships/renewals	270.00
2009 ingot sales	490.50
Auction Sales	634.10
Advertising	30.00
Club Store Sales	372.00
Book Sale	72.00
Total Income	$1868.60
EXPENSES	
Postage	267.88
Printing August Bugle	217.98
Printing October Bugle	230.15
Office Supplies, Printing, Envelopes	355.02
Nancy Yee Expenses	312.45
Convention Expenses	100.00
Total Expenses	$1483.48
New Balance	$4850.66

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For those of you that have not sent your membership renewal for 2010, please send the appropriate amount to Ed Lantz, 2127 Kewannee TRL, Casselberry, FL 32707

WELCOME

788	Bruce Holland	Kidd	Virginia
789	Tawnya Harrison	Steffen	Ohio
790	David Gillie	Steffen	Michigan

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The International Association of Silver Art Collectors (IASAC), established in 1985, is dedicated to the silver round and art bar hobbyist, collector, dealer and producer All persons interested in this unique hobby are invited to join The club regularly publishes its newsletter, "The Silver Bugle," providing some of the most interesting reading for you, the member. Not only do you receive advanced notice of new rounds and bars, you may also take advantage of specials offered by the many IASAC member-dealers. We also produce limited edition silver bars and rounds for our members, and feature special contests for prizes. Isn't it time for you to take advantage of the benefits available as a member of IASAC?

Yes, I would like to join the largest Silver Art Club in the world. Please enroll me as a member of IASAC.

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